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ZoomProspector.com along with *Bloomberg Businessweek* has released their top ten list of the best cities to start a new company. Franklin came in 8th place for being located in one of the nation's wealthiest counties and for our growing technology sector, including a new biotech campus under construction (BioMimetic). According to ZoomProspector, a business location Website, they weighed 11 factors-including the number of startups, quality of the workforce, and resources like universities and venture capital-to compile a list of the top places to build the next Apple or Google! For more details go to http://images.businessweek.com/ss/10/04/0422_top_ten_startup_cities/index.htm

Another accolade...**Tinkerbell Playground at Pinkerton Park has been named one of the top ten playgrounds in Middle Tennessee by Nashville Parent.** Tinkerbell playground recently underwent renovations with new slides, swings and climbing equipment installed. It also got some new paint and some familiar characters posted in the play area. For the entire list go to this link <http://www.parentworld.com/?q=online-exclusives/top-10-playgrounds-middle-tennessee>

Next **Friday, May 7**, we'll have the 11th **annual employee health fair in City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** So far about 25 vendors are scheduled to be here, featuring screenings for blood pressure, glucose levels, vision, hearing and body fat analysis. Door prizes and giveaways will abound. We'll also have healthy snacks.

After several months of study, **Rodney Escobar** and **Sara Silvis** passed their exams to become **Certified Risk Managers**. The Human Resource Department has had four employees certified this year. The HR Department has 3 staffers with a Professional Human Resources certificate and 2 employees with certifications in Risk Management for Public Entities. This is a phenomenal accomplishment and probably the best percentage in the state for City departments which are our size.

Lieutenant Chris Gentry, a 20-year veteran with the Franklin Police Department, was honored at a farewell reception Thursday. Gentry, who also serves as a Colonel in the 643rd Regional Support Group, based in Whitehall, Ohio, has been mobilized to serve a one-year deployment in Afghanistan. Gentry has served in the Army Reserves since 1991, but has been in the military since 1982.

Franklin firefighters participated at the downtown Baskin-Robbins store and at the Carothers Parkway store for .31 cent scoop night. The event was a fundraiser for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Also this week from the Fire Department, **Fire Training Captains Jeff Elliott and Glenn Johnson** conducted fire extinguisher training for **23 Parks Department employees**.

The month of May will be a busy one for our visits to the **Hispanic radio station La Ley**. Below is the schedule for City Staff. The show is on at 9:00 a.m. Monday mornings and then rebroadcast on Franklin TV.

May 3-**Police**-DUI

May 10-**Fire**-Summer Safety Tips (Grilling, water safety, children left in vehicles, fireworks, bike/pedestrian safety)

May 17-**City Administrator Eric Stuckey**

May 24-**Solid Waste**-Blue Bag Recycling and Solid Waste topics

May 31-**Police**-Gangs

Don't forget the employee blood drive Tuesday, May 4, at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To schedule your appointment, e-mail moniquem@franklinton.gov or call 550-6606.

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